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## Authority

It is the responsibility of the Pequea Valley School Board to adopt all physical/digital textbooks used for instruction in the educational program of this district.[1][2][3]

## Definitions

For purposes of this policy the following will be defined per the description below:

**"Textbooks"** shall be defined as books used as the basic source of information in class.

**"Excessive or Gratuitous Profanity"** – the pervasive use of profane, vulgar or other language that offends good taste or propriety contained within materials, such that the materials taken as a whole does not offer serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for the intended student audience.

**"Excessive or Gratuitous Sexuality"** – the description or depiction of human genitals in a sexual manner or the fondling or touching of the human genitals, buttocks or breasts in a sexual manner contained within materials, such that the material when taken as whole appeals to prurient interests in sex and does not offer serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for the intended student audience.

**"Excessive or Gratuitous Graphic Violence"** – the pervasive description or depiction of violence in a vivid, brutal or realistic manner contained with material, such that the material, when taken as whole, does not offer serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for the intended student audience.

## Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent shall be responsible for the selection and recommendation of textbooks for Board consideration. No adoption or change of textbooks shall be made without the Superintendent's recommendation, except by a two-thirds vote of the Board.[3]

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a plan for the selection of textbooks.

## Guidelines

Guidelines for selecting physical/digital textbooks may include the following:

1. Professional staff members selected by the Superintendent or designee shall participate in the selection process.

2. The staff shall continually research new sources of textbooks.

3. Textbooks currently in use shall be periodically evaluated for their continuing usefulness and relevance.

In considering the approval of any proposed textbook, the selection committee and the School Board will evaluate its:

1. Suitability for the maturity level and educational needs of the students who will be using the book.
2. Recency of publication.

3. Exclusion of excessive or gratuitous sexuality, excessive or gratuitous profanity, or excessive or gratuitous graphic violence that is not relevant to the intended learning of the course.

4. Freedom from bias.

5. Relationship to the curriculum.

6. Relationship to a continuous multigrade program.

7. Cost.

8. Appearance and durability.

The Superintendent shall compile a list of recommendations. This textbook list shall be approved by the Board between the first day of April and the first day of August for use in the next school term.

A list of all approved textbooks shall be prepared and maintained by the Superintendent. It shall be reviewed periodically by the Superintendent or designee and

made available for the information of the professional staff, Board members, students, parents/guardians, and community.[4]

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